

Remarks

Claim 1 is cancelled and claims 2, 5 to 10, 13, 14 and 23 are amended. Claims 2 to 23 are pending in this application of which claims 8, 9, 14 and 23 are in independent form.

Claims 8, 9 and 23 were objected to only for being dependent upon a rejected base claim. Accordingly, claims 8, 9 and 23 are all amended to incorporate therein the features and limitations of the claim or claims from which they had depended. Claims 2 to 7 and 10 to 13 are now amended so that they are dependent from claim 8 and should also be allowable.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite because claim 14 recited a spring with no structural interrelationship between this spring and any other element. Claim 14 is amended herein to provide the needed structural interrelationship and now includes the clause:

"said metal spring being operatively
connected to said vibration damper to
provide a pretensioning force therefor."

The antecedent basis for this structural interrelationship can be found in the applicants' disclosure, for example, on page 11, lines 12 to 19.

Claim 14 is further amended herein to include all the features and limitations of claim 1 from which it had previously depended so that this claim should now be definite as well as be allowable. Claims 15 to 22 are dependent from claim 14 so that these claims should be allowable.

The application should now be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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